

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A temporary door latch for use with a door having a face bore and an edge bore, said edge bore extending from said face bore to a lateral edge of said door and being disposed in substantial alignment with a strike bore of a door jam, comprising:

a longitudinal bolt portion being dimensioned to extend through said edge bore and into said strike bore when said bolt portion is in a latching position;

an actuation member disposed adjacent one distal end of said bolt portion and being selectively operable to move said bolt portion between said latching position and a non-latching position;

a collar extending outward from said bolt portion such that said collar has a dimension larger than a diameter of said edge bore, said collar being disposed adjacent to said actuation member; and

wherein said actuation member is spaced from an inner periphery of said face bore and extends into said face bore when said collar is substantially abutting said inner periphery.

2. The temporary door latch according to claim 1, further comprising:

a threaded engagement member having threads defined along a longitudinally extending shank portion and a flange disposed adjacent one distal end of said shank portion, said flange having a diameter larger than a diameter of said strike bore;

said bolt portion including a longitudinally extending inner bore having matching threads inscribed thereon; and

wherein said flange abuts said door jam when said threaded engagement member is mated with said longitudinally extending inner bore.

3. The temporary door latch according to claim 1, further comprising:

a rib extending outwardly from an exterior surface of said bolt portion and slidably contacting an inner surface of said edge bore when said bolt portion extends through said edge bore.

4. The temporary door latch according to claim 1, wherein:

said collar extends in all radial directions beyond said diameter of said bolt portion.

5. The temporary door latch according to claim 4, wherein:

said collar is substantially oval and has an arcuate cross-section.

6. The temporary door latch according to claim 1, wherein:

said bolt portion includes an arresting aperture formed therein, said arresting aperture being substantially aligned with said lateral edge of said door when said bolt portion is in said latching position.

7. The temporary door latch according to claim 1, wherein:

said actuation member is connected to said bolt portion via a flexible neck portion; and

said actuation member selectively bends about said neck portion in a substantially perpendicular direction to a longitudinal axis of said bolt portion.

8. The temporary door latch according to claim 1, further comprising:

a threaded engagement member having threads defined along a longitudinally extending shank portion and a flange disposed adjacent one distal end of said shank portion, said flange having a diameter larger than a diameter of said strike bore;

said bolt portion includes a longitudinally extending inner bore having matching threads inscribed thereon; and

wherein when said threaded engagement member is inserted through said actuation member and into threaded engagement with said longitudinally extending inner bore, said flange and said collar are biased towards one another thus fixing said door jam in relation to said door.

9. The temporary door latch according to claim 1, wherein:

said actuation member defines a substantially circular profile.

10. The temporary door latch according to claim 1, wherein:

said actuation member is formed from a compressible material which substantially fills said face bore when said bolt portion extends through said edge bore.

11. The temporary door latch according to claim 10, wherein:

said actuation member includes an aperture formed in said compressible material.

12. The temporary door latch according to claim 1, further comprising:

a threaded engagement member having double-start threads defined along a longitudinally extending shank portion.

13. A temporary door latch for use with a door having a face bore and an edge bore, said edge bore extending from said face bore to a lateral edge of said door and being disposed in substantial alignment with a strike bore of a door jam, comprising:

a longitudinal bolt portion being dimensioned to extend through said edge bore and into said strike bore when said bolt portion is in a latching position;

an actuation member disposed adjacent one distal end of said bolt portion and being selectively operable to move said bolt portion between said latching position and a non-latching position; and

a flexible neck portion connecting said actuation member to said bolt portion, wherein said neck portion selectively permits said actuation member to bend in a substantially perpendicular direction to a longitudinal axis of said bolt portion.

14. The temporary door latch according to claim 13, wherein:

a collar extending outward from said bolt portion such that said collar extends in all radial directions beyond a diameter of said bolt portion, said collar being disposed adjacent to said neck portion.

15. The temporary door latch according to claim 14, wherein:

said actuation member is spaced from an inner periphery of said face bore when said collar is substantially abutting said inner periphery.

16. The temporary door latch according to claim 13, further comprising:

said bolt portion includes an arresting aperture formed therein, said arresting aperture being substantially aligned with said lateral edge of said door when said bolt portion is in said latching position.

17. The temporary door latch according to claim 14, further comprising:

a threaded engagement member having threads defined along a longitudinally extending shank portion and a flange disposed adjacent one distal end of said shank portion, said flange having a diameter larger than a diameter of said strike bore;

said bolt portion includes a longitudinally extending inner bore having matching threads inscribed thereon; and

wherein when said threaded engagement member is inserted through said actuation member and into threaded engagement with said longitudinally extending inner bore, said flange and said collar are biased towards one another thus fixing said door jam in relation to said door.

18. The temporary door latch according to claim 13, wherein:

said actuation member defines a substantially circular profile.

19. The temporary door latch according to claim 18, wherein:

said actuation member is formed from a compressible material which substantially fills said face bore when said bolt portion extends through said edge bore.

20. The temporary door latch according to claim 19, wherein:

said actuation member includes an aperture formed in said compressible material.

21. The temporary door latch according to claim 14, further comprising:

said collar is substantially oval and has an arcuate cross-section.

22. A method of temporarily latching a door having an open face bore and an open edge bore, said edge bore extending from said face bore to a lateral edge of said door and being disposed in substantial alignment with a strike bore of a door jam, said method comprising the steps of:

dimensioning a longitudinal bolt portion to extend through said edge bore and into said strike bore when said bolt portion is in a latching position;
forming an actuation member adjacent one distal end of said bolt portion;
and

connecting said actuation member to said bolt portion via a flexible neck portion, wherein said neck portion selectively permits said actuation member to bend in a substantially perpendicular direction to a longitudinal axis of said bolt portion.